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Wilson,

We received the return post cards on all three patent applications. The docket no. 968-20-022 has a filing date of 12/17/01 (probably when they received it in the USPTO) it should be 12/14/01-like the other two. I am going to have my associate call the USPTO and have them change that date.

Let me know if you have any further questions.

Linda

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